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1. On 21 June 1953, source determined a second telephone line which connected the Ehringsdorf switchboard with the Panzer Kaserne on Jenaer Strasse, Weimar. At noon on 20 and 22 June, source did not observe any activity in the barracks yard. At 11 a.m. on 20 June, 30 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets were lined up in the yard of the Nachrichten Kaserne south of Leibniz Allee. On 21 June, about 100 troops engaged in physical training and, on 22 June, about 30 soldiers were seen at drill. 1

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2. On 19 June, many Soviet troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the streets of Weimar. Five T-34 tanks, and 1 truck were in front of the kommandura. In the afternoon, 10 repeated, passed through the town. On 20 June, motorized patrols were no longer observed in the town. Administration buildings were guarded by armored scout cars. On 21 June, numerous soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armored scout cars

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were seen in the streets of the town.

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3. Vehicle columns seen en route to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne at Weimar-Nohra included 5 BA-64 armored scout cars, on 19 June; BA-64 armored scout car on 20 June; 3 T-34 tanks on 23 June; BA-64 armored scout car on 24 June; 6 BA-64 armored scout cars, 6 trucks towing AA guns of presumably 37 mm caliber 25X1C
 6 trucks towing presumably 120-mm mortars 25X1C
 10 trucks, each occupied by about 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, and 3 trucks, each occupied by about 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; mounting machine guns; and 12 trucks towing

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4. At 9 p.m. on 25 June, elements from the Tannenberg Kaserne and the Flak Kaserne, Weimar, left their installations by road. Source followed the units as far as 7 km from the autobahn entrance. An informant stated that the units proceeded toward Ohrdruf. A total of 12 x 80-mm mortars, towed by trucks,

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12 x 76.2-mm AT guns towed by trucks,

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2 armored scout cars, 8 tank trucks,

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4 field kitchens, and 4 armored personnel carriers,

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All troops observed with the column carried full field equipment, steel helmets, and blanket rolls. During the nights of 25 and 26 June, the tank unit which had arrived at the Tannenberg Kaserne in Weimar on 20 June, was entrained.

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The first train carried 12 T-34/85 tanks and the second train troops, equipment and trucks. The trains left toward west. 2

1. Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of this installation. See

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2. Comment. The information tends to indicate that, in addition to the 65th Gds Mecz Regt, elements of the 581st Mort Regt (US) and the unidentified motorcycle battalion of the 20th Gds Mecz Div had been employed and, beginning 25 June, returned to Ohrdruf by road. The tanks of the 65th Gds Mecz Regt, which source of paragraph 2 reported as early as 19 June, possibly had already been at the post before the disturbances started. The tanks which, were entrained during the night of 26 June, had, according to the arrived from Ohrdruf by rail on 20 June.

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